



## **Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd**

Minute board meeting 10:30 – 11: 50 a.m., 10 March 2010, MECU, 222 High Street, KEW, VIC 3101

PRESENT: Niel Black (A/Chairman), David Dinning, Shirley Faram and David Griffiths (Secretary)

APOLOGY: Tony O'Shea

ABSENT: Dianne Batterham

### **1. Minutes**

That the minute of the meeting of 20 January 2010 be accepted as a true and accurate record  
CARRIED.

### **2. Business arising from the meeting of 20 January 2010**

#### **2.1 Co-operative Education**

The following co-operative education initiatives were discussed:

<b>Co-operative/Organisation</b>	
CEHL	Shirley Faram reported that CEHL was not willing to fund a workshop just for itself.
MECU	David Dinning reported on the Skype conference earlier that morning with Rowan Dowland(MECU) and Chris Cooper (Co-operative College) Rowan is to contact Trent Bartlett regarding MECU experience and will directly liaise with Chris Cooper.
Murray Goulburn	Niel Black reported that he had several discussions with the Chairman which touched on co-operative education and it was noted a proposal should be forwarded to the board. David Griffiths tabled some notes for a submission for further consideration. Chairman and Secretary will further develop proposal.
HICO	Niel Black reported that he had spoken with the new CEO Michael Lee,
Genetics Australia	Niel Black reported that he had been trying to get a meeting with the CEO.

#### **2.2 CAV**

It was noted that the response of CAV to the consultation on the proposed Co-operatives National Law was disappointing.

It was agreed that letters would be sent to the Minister and the Opposition Spokesperson on the overall performance of CAV.

ACTION: Secretary and Chairman

### **2. 3. Co-operatives Australia**

It was noted that CA had made a submission on the CNL, that a Co-operative Education paper had been released, that CA was revising the list of top 100 co-operatives, credit unions and mutuals and that the next CA teleconference will be on 22 March 2010 hosted by CFNSW and that the agenda for meeting is in preparation.

ACTION: Secretary and Chairman

### **2.4 MECU**

It was noted that at midday the board would be meeting with Rowan Downland (MECU). It was noted that MECU with 150,000 members had agreed to join CFV.

ACTION: David Dinning

### **2.5. Co-operatives National Law**

It was noted that submissions closed on 26 February 2010. There were 19 submissions – including CA and CV. The Secretary distributed copies of the submission from the Insolvency Practitioners Association and advised that Tony O'Shea had been forwarded a copy.

It was noted that CV members did not respond to two circulars of 17 December 2009 and 21 January 2010 and that the CV submission had been emailed to directors 23 February 2010 and formally submitted 26 February 2010.

### **2.6. International Year of Co-operatives**

The UN has declared 2012 as the International Year of Co-operatives. On the 21 December 2009 CA wrote to the Minister for Foreign Affairs on IYC 2012 and a reply was received dated 25 February 2010 from Bob McMullan, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance.

It was noted that a key issue Dame Pauline Green and Trent Bartlett will push with Assistant Treasurer Senator Nick Sherry at Parliament House, Canberra on 15 March for government support and funding for International Year of Co-operatives in 2012. It was noted the Secretary would attend the lecture.

ACTION: Secretary

### **2.7 Insolvency**

It was noted that the submission to the Senate Economics Committee had been forwarded within the 12 February 2010 deadline – after consultation with Tony O'Shea and the Chairman of Waverley Trading Co-operative and approved by the Acting Chairman. A copy of final submission forwarded to directors 12 February 2010.

The Secretary is to email to directors a list of all submissions received by Senate Committee.

ACTION: Secretary

### 3. Financial Statements

The Treasurer David Dinning presented financial statements – Profit and Loss 1 July 2009 – 9 March 2010 and Balance Sheet 9 March 2010

That the financial reports be received.  
CARRIED

It was noted that the following members had not yet paid their annual subscriptions for 2009-2010:

Member	Action
MG	NB
Avoca	DD and TO
CDS	NA
Footscray	SF
Pyrenees Store	DD and TO
Waverley	DD

It was noted that the following members had paid their annual subscriptions for 2009-2009 and 2009-2010:

Member	Action
Geelong Radio Cabs	Secretary
Green Valley	Secretary
Wautharong	Secretary

The agreed action for these three was to send a letter which emphasised that we would like to hear from them, we would like them to continue being members, what CFV had achieved in recent years and that continuing these achievements depended on resources.

ACTION: Secretary

### 4. Next Meeting

10: 30 a.m. 19 May 2010, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

Prepared by David Griffiths: 11 March 2010

Approved by Chairman: 12 March 2010

Emailed to directors: 13 March 2010

Snail mailed to directors: 16 March 2010

## **Future Meetings**

10: 30 a.m. 19 May 2010, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

10: 30 a.m. 21 July 2010, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

10: 30 a.m. 15 September 2010, Substitution Pty Ltd, 1/484 William Street, North Melbourne

10: 30 a.m. 17 November 2010, Urban Camp Melbourne Co-operative, Brens Drive, Parkville

AGM: 12:00 Midday 17 November 2010, Urban Camp Melbourne Co-operative, Brens Drive, Parkville